GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1218
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RAJYA SABHA ELECTIONS
NARESH KUMAR PUGLIA

Will the Minister of LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken a decision to switch over from secret ballots to open ballots in elections to the Rajya Sabha ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government also propose to take the similar decision in respect of elections to the State Legislative Councils; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE & COMPANY AFFAIRS

(SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. The Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill, 2001 which was introduced in the Rajya Sabha on 5-12-2001 seeks, inter alia, to substitute the existing secret ballot system by the system of voting through open ballot for elections to the Rajya Sabha.

(c) and (d): No, Sir. For various reasons, the Government has decided not to amend the provisions of law in respect of State Legislative Councils.